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REPORT NO. 25X1ATOPIC 1. Troops and Military Installations in Jicin.2. Military Installation near Tyniste nad Orli.EVALUATION 25X1A PLACE OBTAINED 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 25X1A 25X1ADATE OBTAINED 25X1A DATE PREPARED 25X1AREFERENCES 25X1A 25X1APAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

SOURCE

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1. Prior to April 1953, the barracks installation on the northeastern perimeter of Jicin (O 51/G 33) and on the northwest side of the road to Valdice (O 51/G 44) quartered an artillery unit of an estimated 600 men. Prior to 1949 or 1950, these billets had been occupied by an infantry unit, which was later relieved by the artillery unit. Local residents referred to the installation as the New Barracks. Source knew from his father that the installation which had included about seven old multi-story buildings, was enlarged by two new buildings constructed in 1950 and 1951 and included gun storage sheds, motor vehicle garages, one motor vehicle repair shop and other workshop installations. Seven guns of about 150 to 200 mm, which had pneumatic tires and no muzzle brakes and were towed by caterpillar tractors, were observed at the barracks installation. They had barrels, which were supported by a cradle and were estimated at about 3 meters. About 10 Tatra trucks carrying enlisted men were also observed. The troops from the New Barracks frequently practiced in the terrain west of the town of Valdice on the Zelen Hill. An ammunition depot of one single-story building, about 30 meters long, with a loading ramp, was on the southern edge of a woods, about 1,500 meters east of the barracks installation and was connected with the Jicin-Valdice road by a dirt road in good repair.

2. Source observed soldiers wearing black epaulets in the barracks installation on the western perimeter of the central city, in the suburb of Prague. Source saw that a guard detail left the installation for guard duty at the ammunition depot. Local residents generally called this installation the Old Barracks. Prior to April 1953, no army billets other than those listed in paragraph 1 and 2 were in Jicin.

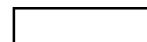
3. 25X1A Tyniste n.Orl. (O 50/M 36) 25X1X, source observed 25X1X an area guarded by military sentries which was located in a small woods, 1,000 to 1,500 meters southeast of the railroad station. Local residents said that, in the years after 1950, an underground installation of unidentified purpose was constructed at this site, which was north of the Tyniste-Kostelec (O 51/R 00) road. Guards observed there wore red epaulets.

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1.   Comment. The occupation of this barracks installation by motorized artillerymen is confirmed. See    
The installation formerly quartered elements of the 4th Inf Regt of the old 14th Inf Div. The unit seems to be a heavy army artillery regiment.

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2.   Comment. The barracks installation possibly quarters the AAA Regt which, according to deserter Oravec, who fled together with source, is stationed at Jicin. AA artillerymen wear red-bordered black epaulets.

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